

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The telephonic interview was conducted on December 9, 2009 and was attended by Examiner Amene Bayou, Examiner Peter Bethoel, and Applicants' representative Jason Jardine.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 21, 35, 42, and 50.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 1,616,774 ("Warren"); U.S. Patent No. 5,984,642 ("Danielsson"); and U.S. Patent No. 6,193,476 ("Sweeney").

Proposed Amendments

Applicants' representative proposed amendments to the claims to recite a vertically oriented cylinder at a position radially spaced apart from the first aperture and/or a piston rod that does not contact an interior side surface of the transfer chamber.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants' representative argued that the art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of features recited in the claims upon entry of the proposed amendments.

Results of Interview

Examiner Bayou indicated that Applicants' proposed amended claims distinguish over the art of record; however, Examiner Bethoel indicated further searching would be required.